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May 4, 2011

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Gail Farber *Gail Farber*
Director of Public Works

BOARD MOTION OF FEBRUARY 8, 2011, AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 PROPOSITION A TOP-OF-POT LOCAL RETURN TRANSIT FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

On February 8, 2011, your Board approved a motion from Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Gloria Molina, as amended by Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky (copy attached), instructing the Director of Public Works and the Chief Executive Officer to evaluate all Proposition A Top-of-Pot Local Return Transit funding allocations, consult with all five Board offices on the progress, and provide a report to your Board within 90 days with recommendations on alternative funding strategies.

Public Works and the Chief Executive Office met with all five Board offices on several occasions to receive input on the existing Proposition A Top-of-Pot Local Return funding allocations and to develop the attached report on alternative funding strategies.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Patrick V. DeChellis at (626) 458-4004.

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Attach.

cc: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office

REPORT OF FUNDING ALTERNATIVES

Proposition A Top-of-Pot Local Return Transit Funding Allocations Board Motion of February 8, 2011 (Agenda Item No. 4)

On February 8, 2011, the Board of Supervisors approved a motion by Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Gloria Molina, as amended by Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, instructing the Director of the Department of Public Works (Public Works) and the Chief Executive Officer to:

- Evaluate all Proposition A Top-of-Pot Local Return Transit funding allocations, including the Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride and Shuttle Service, the Children's Court Shuttle Service, Metro Blue Line Liability Cost Sharing, the North County Augmentation, and the John Anson Ford Amphitheatre (Ford Amphitheatre) Shuttle Service.
- Consult with all five Board offices on the progress.
- Provide a report to the Board within 90 days with recommendations on alternative funding strategies, potentially including reduced subsidy levels and alternative allocation methodologies, to ensure that the shuttle services are being delivered in a manner that is responsive to the transportation priorities of County of Los Angeles (County) constituents in time for the 2012 shuttle service rollout.

As directed, staff from Public Works and the Chief Executive Office met with staff from all five Board offices to evaluate all Proposition A Top-of-Pot Local Return Transit funding allocations. The following is recommended:

- Children's Court Shuttle Service: Terminate service – termination date to be recommended after meeting with the Chief Executive Office, Office of Workplace Programs, and the affected Departments.

This service was implemented in July 1992 to provide regional access for patrons of the new Children's Court from the California State Los Angeles Busway Station and subsequently the California State Los Angeles Metrolink Station. A survey conducted on March 8, 2011, revealed that 67 percent of shuttle riders used the service to access their work locations at the Children's Court, Sheriff's Department Headquarters, or Fire Department Headquarters and 7 percent used the service to access a Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) bus stop while only 26 percent were public patrons of the Children's Court. This level of public patronage does not meet the intent of funding from the Proposition A Top-of-Pot Local Return Transit Program.

Public Works is working with representatives of the Children's Court, Sheriff's Department Headquarters, Fire Department Headquarters, and the Chief Executive Office, Office of Workplace Programs, to identify transportation options to their facilities.

Termination of the existing Shuttle Service contract will require Board approval. This recommendation will be presented for Board action after meeting with the Chief Executive Office, Office of Workplace Programs, and the affected Departments.

- Continue financing of the Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride and Shuttle Service and Ford Amphitheatre Shuttle Service for the 2011 summer season using the current formula for Proposition A Top-of-Pot Local Return Transit funds.
- The Los Angeles Philharmonic and the Los Angeles County Arts Commission will conduct surveys during their 2011 summer seasons to identify users' residency for their respective Park-and-Ride and Shuttle Services. The Ford Amphitheatre surveys will be conducted for all performances during the 2011 summer season and the Hollywood Bowl surveys shall be conducted for strategically selected performances. The survey results will be tabulated by Public Works as input to the development of funding strategies for the 2012 and future summer seasons.
- The Chief Executive Office and Public Works will continue discussions with all Board offices to consider ways to reduce Proposition A Top-of-Pot Local Return Transit fund subsidy levels for the Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride and Shuttle Service and the Ford Amphitheatre Shuttle Service for the 2012 and future summer seasons and will report back by October 31, 2011, with recommendations.
- Metro Blue Line Liability Sharing: Continue financing with Proposition A Top-of-Pot Local Return Transit funds due to its regional benefit of reducing the County of Los Angeles' (County) overall liability.
- North County Augmentation: Continue financing with Proposition A Top-of-Pot Local Return Transit funds because Metro does not serve the North County.
- Transit Planning/Administration/Overhead: These nonproject-specific expenses (e.g., Public Works' Headquarters building rent, County Counsel services, grant management services, and regulation/legislation review and analysis) are distributed to the Proposition A Top-of-Pot Local Return Transit Program in the same proportion as revenue is allocated and, therefore, will continue to be financed with Proposition A Top-of-Pot Local Return Transit funds.

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STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 381B
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

9:30 AM

4. Recommendation as submitted by Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Molina: Direct the Director of Public Works and the Chief Executive Officer to provide a report to the Board within 90 days, with recommendations on alternative funding strategies, potentially including reduced subsidy levels and alternative allocation methodologies, to ensure that the shuttle services are being delivered in a manner that is responsive to the transportation priorities of our constituents in time for the 2012 shuttle service roll-out. (Continued from meeting of 2-1-11) (11-0594)

Supervisor Yaroslavsky made a verbal amendment to Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Molina's joint motion to direct the Director of Public Works to evaluate all the "top of the pot" Prop A Local Transit funding allocations including the Hollywood Bowl Park and Ride Shuttle Service, the Children's Court Shuttle Service, the Metro Blue Line Liability Cost Sharing, the North County Augmentation, and the Ford Amphitheater Shuttle Service and report back to the Board in 90 days; and to consult with all five Board offices on the progress. Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Molina accepted Supervisor Yaroslavsky's amendment.

William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer, and Patrick DeChellis, Deputy Director of Public Works, responded to questions posed by the Board.

Arnold Sachs addressed the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, and by common consent, there being no objection, Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Molina's motion was approved as amended to Direct the Director of Public Works and the Chief Executive Officer to:

- 1. Evaluate all the "top of the pot" Prop A Local Transit funding allocations including the Hollywood Bowl Park and Ride Shuttle Service, the Children's Court Shuttle Service, the Metro Blue**

**Line Liability Cost Sharing, the North County Augmentation,
and the Ford Amphitheater Shuttle Service;**

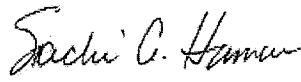
2. Consult with all five Board offices on the progress; and
3. Provide a report to the Board within 90 days, with recommendations on alternative funding strategies, potentially including reduced subsidy levels and alternative allocation methodologies, to ensure that the shuttle services are being delivered in a manner that is responsive to the transportation priorities of our constituents in time for the 2012 shuttle service roll-out.

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Molina, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor Yaroslavsky, Supervisor Knabe and Supervisor Antonovich

Attachments: Motion by Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Molina
Report
Video
Audio

The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the regular meeting held February 8, 2011, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer
Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

By 

Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer

AGN. NO.

**MOTION BY SUPERVISORS MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
GLORIA MOLINA**

February 1, 2011

Prop A Local Transit Funding Allocations

For many years, Los Angeles County (the County) has subsidized the cost of shuttle services to the Hollywood Bowl, John Anson Ford Amphitheater and the Children's Court using "top of the pot" Prop A Local Transit funds.

These are all important services. Subsidized bus and shuttle services provide an affordable transit option to the County's cultural venues where parking is significantly limited. The Children's Court shuttle service provides a critical public transit connection to the courthouse that would otherwise not be accessible without a vehicle.

While these are regional services, the distribution of utilization has varied in different areas of the County, especially as it relates to the Hollywood Bowl Park and Ride and Shuttle Program. Despite significant market research to identify new locations, as well as marketing to publicize and promote ridership in the areas with low utilization, over the years, ridership has not materialized in some Supervisorial districts.

Given the scarcity of public transportation dollars in an era of increasing demand, it is important that the Board of Supervisors review these allocations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of the Department of Public Works and the Chief Executive Officer to provide a report to the Board of Supervisors within 90 days, with recommendations on alternative funding strategies, potentially including reduced subsidy levels and alternative allocation methodologies, to ensure that the services are being delivered in a manner that is responsive to the transportation priorities of our constituents in time for the 2012 shuttle service roll-out.

MOTION

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RIDLEY-THOMAS _____

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January 10, 2012

IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: PD-1

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN TOP-OF-POT
TRANSIT FUNDING ALLOCATIONS
BOARD MOTION OF FEBRUARY 8, 2011, AGENDA ITEM NO. 4
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve recommendations as a result of the evaluation of Proposition A Local Return Top-of-Pot Transit funding allocations as requested by your Board's motion of February 8, 2011, Agenda Item No. 4.

JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve an annual contribution of \$79,000 in Proposition A Local Return Top-of-Pot Transit funds for the Edmund D. Edelman Children's Court Shuttle Service, with the remaining \$157,000 estimated annual cost to be financed by the Sheriff's, Fire, and Children and Family Services Departments beginning January 1, 2012.

2. Approve an annual contribution of Proposition A Local Return Top-of-Pot Transit funds for the Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride and Shuttle Program equal to 56 percent of the net cost of the Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride service, estimated to be \$273,000 for Fiscal Year 2012-13, plus a fixed contribution of \$105,000 to the Hollywood Bowl Shuttle Program.
3. Approve the continuation of the current allocations of Proposition A Local Return Top-of-Pot Transit funding for the John Anson Ford Amphitheatre Shuttle, Metro Blue Line Liability Sharing, North County Augmentation, and Transit Planning/Administration.
4. Approve a supplemental allocation of \$1,419,800 of Proposition A Local Return Transit funds to the Proposition A Local Return Top-of-Pot Transit program for Fiscal Year 2011-12 to complete the financing of \$3,812,000 for the settlement and legal expenses for a bus stop shelter liability case.
5. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to reduce the Proposition A Local Return Top-of-Pot Transit allocation from 8 percent (\$1,264,000) to 6 percent (\$948,000) beginning in Fiscal Year 2012-13.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

These recommendations are in response to your Board's motion of February 8, 2011, Agenda Item No. 4, requesting the Director of Public Works and the Chief Executive Officer evaluate all Proposition A Local Return Top-of-Pot Transit (Top-of-Pot) funding allocations to determine alternative funding strategies, potentially including reduced subsidy levels and alternative allocation methods.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). Ensuring that the Top-of-Pot Transit funds are used for transit services that are regional in nature, thereby benefiting all of the County of Los Angeles' (County) residents, will support the Department of Public Works (Public Works) in meeting this goal.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no Net County Cost impact to the Department of Public Works' General Fund budget. However, there may be a Net County Cost impact to the Department of Children and Family Services and the Sheriff's Department, which is to be determined.

The annual Top-of-Pot expenses for the Edmund D. Edelman Children's Court (Children's Court) Shuttle Service and the Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride service expenditures, including contract and administrative costs, will be reduced by a total estimated amount of \$439,000. All other Top-of-Pot funded projects will remain unchanged except for annual cost increases.

The current and proposed uses of the Top-of-Pot funds are shown on the enclosure.

Currently, 8 percent of Proposition A Local Return Transit funds is allocated to the Top-of-Pot program. In consideration of the recommended financial savings, the recommended supplemental allocation to the Top-of-Pot, and the recommended settlement and legal fee payment, it is recommended that this allocation be reduced to 6 percent beginning in Fiscal Year 2012-13.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On February 8, 2011, your Board approved the enclosed motion by Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Gloria Molina, as amended by Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, instructing the Director of Public Works and the Chief Executive Officer to:

- Evaluate all Proposition A Local Return Top-of-Pot Transit funding allocations, including the Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride and Shuttle Services, the Children's Court Shuttle Service, Metro Blue Line Liability Cost Sharing, the North County Augmentation, and the John Anson Ford Amphitheatre Shuttle Service.
- Consult with all five Board offices on the progress.
- Provide a report to your Board with recommendations on alternative funding strategies, potentially including reduced subsidy levels and alternative allocation methodologies, to ensure that the shuttle services are being delivered in a manner that is responsive to the transportation priorities of County constituents.

As directed, staff from Public Works and the Chief Executive Office met with staff from the five Board offices, several County Departments, and the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association (Philharmonic) to evaluate all Top-of-Pot transit funding allocations and alternative funding strategies to reduce Top-of-Pot expenditures. The enclosed interim report was submitted to your Board on May 4, 2011.

The Children's Court Shuttle Service was implemented in July 1992 to provide regional access for patrons of the new Children's Court from the California State Los Angeles

Busway Station and subsequently the California State Los Angeles Metrolink Station. A survey conducted on March 8, 2011, revealed that approximately 67 percent of shuttle riders used the service to access their work locations at the Children's Court, Sheriff's Department Headquarters, or Fire Department Headquarters; 7 percent used the service to access an MTA bus stop; and 26 percent were public patrons of the Children's Court. This level of public patronage does not meet the intent of funding from Proposition A Local Return Transit funds; hence, the Sheriff's, Fire, and Children and Family Services Departments will need to contribute the remaining 67 percent of the cost. This information was conveyed to these County Departments through meetings and a series of e-mail communications. In collaboration with these Departments, Public Works will conduct a follow-up ridership survey within the first six months of Calendar Year 2012 to refine the ridership and usage.

The annual Top-of-Pot contribution to the Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride and Shuttle service will be reduced from approximately \$660,000 to approximately \$378,000. The \$282,000 cost savings to the Top-of-Pot will be generated by a proposed increase in the Hollywood Bowl Shuttle fare and Hollywood Bowl parking fees beginning in the 2012 season, estimated to be \$211,000, and a proposed increase to the Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride fares beginning in the 2012 season, providing an estimated \$71,000.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

In accordance with Section 15378(b)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and Section 307B(3) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, approval of the recommended action is an administrative activity that will not result in a physical change in the environment. It does not constitute a project and, therefore, is not subject to the requirements of CEQA.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

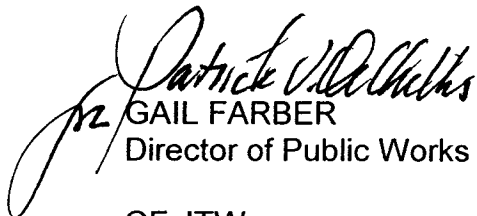
There will be no impact on any other County transit services.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
January 10, 2012
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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division, and the Chief Executive Office.

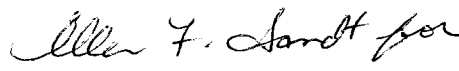
Respectfully submitted,


GAIL FARBER
Director of Public Works

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Enclosure

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office


WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

**PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN
TOP-OF-POT TRANSIT FUNDING ALLOCATIONS**

CURRENT AND PROPOSED USES

<u>Program</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Children's Court Shuttle Service	\$ 236,000	\$ 79,000
Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride	555,000	273,000
Hollywood Bowl Shuttle	105,000	105,000
John Anson Ford Amphitheatre Shuttle	72,000	72,000
Metro Blue Line Liability Sharing	5,000	5,000
North County Augmentation	400,000	400,000
Transit Planning/Administration	<u>14,000</u>	<u>14,000</u>
	\$1,387,000	\$948,000



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June 28, 2012

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: *Gail Farber*
Director of Public Works

EDMUND D. EDELMAN CHILDREN'S COURT SHUTTLE PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN TOP-OF-POT TRANSIT FUNDS CONTRIBUTION

On February 8, 2011, your Board instructed Public Works and the Chief Executive Officer to evaluate all Proposition A Local Return Top-of-Pot (TOP) transit funding allocations, including the Children's Court Shuttle service. On January 10, 2012, your Board approved an annual contribution of \$79,000 in Proposition A Local Return TOP transit funds toward the annual expenditure for the Children's Court Shuttle service, estimated at \$236,000, with the remaining \$157,000 to be financed by the Sheriff's, Fire, and Children and Family Services Departments beginning January 1, 2012. This allocation of costs was based on a survey of the shuttle service riders conducted in March 2011.

To validate the previous survey results, Public Works conducted a 3-day passenger survey in April 2012. The survey indicated that an average of 42 percent of the passengers use the shuttle service to attend personal court business at the Children's Court or transfer to other transit services. The remaining 58 percent of the passengers use the shuttle service to reach their employment destination at the Sheriff's and Fire Departments and the Children's Court.

The cost associated with the 42 percent of passengers using the shuttle service for court business or to transfer to other transit services qualifies for the use of Proposition A Local Return transit funds. Adjusting the contribution of Proposition A Local Return TOP transit funds to 42 percent increases the annual TOP contribution by \$20,000 to \$99,000. The remaining \$137,000 estimated annual cost will be financed by the Sheriff's, Fire, County Counsel, and Children and Family Services Departments.

Each Supervisor
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There is sufficient TOP funding available for this revised allocation. There will be a Net County Cost savings for the Sheriff's and Children and Family Services Departments and a Net County Cost impact to the Fire Department and County Counsel. Overall, there will be a Net County Cost savings of \$20,000 annually. The contributions for the annual expenditure for the Children's Court Shuttle service starting Fiscal Year 2012-13 are:

	EXISTING		FY 2012-13	
Prop A Local Return Top-of-Pot	33.5%	\$ 79,000	42%	\$ 99,000
Sheriff's	29.2%	69,000	21%	49,000
Fire	5.1%	12,000	7%	16,000
County Counsel	0.0%		2%	5,000
Department of Children and Family Services	32.2%	76,000	28%	67,000
		\$236,000		\$236,000

We will be placing an item on the July 31, 2012, Board meeting agenda for the award of a new transit contract for the Children's Court/Los Nietos Shuttle service. As part of this item, we will request approval of the increased TOP contribution effective July 1, 2012. We are also advising the above Departments of the proposed changes to their annual costs.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Patrick V. DeChellis at (626) 458-4004.

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cc: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
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